In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25, with the following:

--In a related aspect, the invention provides an isolated polynucleotide that encodes, or is complementary to a sequence that encodes, the CCX CKR polypeptide. In some embodiments the polynucleotide has at least 10, 15, 25, 50 or 100 contiguous bases identical or exactly complementary to SEQ ID NO:1. In various embodiments, the polynucleotide is the full-length sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, encodes a CCX CKR polypeptide of the invention (e.g., having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment thereof), or selectively hybridizes under high stringent hybridization conditions to a polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1. The polynucleotide of the invention may be operably linked to a promoter. The invention provides recombinant vector (e.g., an expression vector) expressing the CCX CKR polypeptides of the invention. In one aspect, the invention provides a polynucleotide having sequence encoding a polypeptide that has an activity (e.g., a chemokine binding activity) of a CCX CKR polypeptide and which is (a) a polynucleotide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3; or (b) a polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent conditions to (a); or (c) a polynucleotide sequence which is degenerate as a result of the genetic code to the sequences defined in (a) or (b).--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, with the following:

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--Figure 1 shows the nucleotide sequence for a human CCX CKR (SEQ ID NO:1) and the predicted amino acid sequence of the human CCX CKR polypeptide (SEQ ID NOS:2 and 12-14).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7, with the following:

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--Figure 2 shows the CCX CKR sequence aligned with those of other chemokine receptors, the expression pattern of CCX CKR RNA, and generation of a stable cell line expressing CCX CKR. Figure 2A shows sequence homology of the CCX CKR coding region (SEQ ID NO:2) with other chemokine receptors (SEQ ID NOS:6-9). Figure 2B shows cells and tissues expressing CCX CKR RNA, as analyzed by RT-PCR of cytoplasmic RNA from cultured primary cells and whole tissues from various organs as indicated. Figure 2C shows a population of transfected HEK-293 cells stably expressing CCX CKR protein containing an N-terminal Flag epitope, comparing intensity of anti-Flag mAb staining relative to wild type HEK293 cells.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 13, with the following:

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--Figure 5 shows DNA sequence 5' to the translation start site of the CCX CKR gene (SEQ ID NOS:10 and 11), as determined from a genomic clone.--

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Please insert the accompanying paper copy of the Sequence Listing, page numbers 1 to 11, at the end of the application.

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of this amendment in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disk containing the above named sequences, SEQ ID NOS:1-14, in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the floppy disk.

The information contained in the computer readable disk was prepared through the use of the software program "PatentIn" and is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter.